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Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 10:48 AM
To: FOIA HQ
Cc: Mariah Blake
Subject: Public Records Request

FOIA REQUEST

Fee benefit requested

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request copies of all EPA documents related to PFOA contamination of the water, air, and soil in Hoosick Falls, NY, and surrounding communities (including Petersburg, NY; Bennington, VT; and Pownal, VT) from April 1, 2014 to present, including but not limited to:

- Emails, faxes, records of phone calls, written communications, or meeting notes from interactions between EPA Region 2 (including, but not limited to Regional Administrator Judith Enck, Arlene Anderson, Pat Evangelista, Larissa Romanowski, and Barry Shore) and the Town of Hoosick Falls (including, but not limited to, Town Supervisor Mark Surdam, Deputy Supervisor Jeff Wysocki, and Town Attorney William Ryan).
- All emails, faxes, written communications, or meeting notes from interactions between EPA Region 2 and companies that have used PFOA, including but not limited to Taconic Plastics Ltd and the Saint-Gobain Corporation.
- All emails, faxes, written communications, or meeting notes from interactions between EPA Region 2 and the New York State Department of Health (including, but not limited to, Nathan Graber, Kevin Gleason, James Leach, Greg Recer, Krista Anders, Fay Navratil, Charlotte Bethoney, Lloyd Wilson, and Albert DeMarco) and the New York Department of Environmental Conservation.
- All documents from the Office of Water relating to PFOA (also known as Perfluorooctanoic Acid, Perfluoralkyl Carboxylate, and C8) contamination, including correspondence with state and local government officials and with corporations such as St. Gobain, Taconic, and DuPont.

David Bond previously submitted FOIA requests regarding, and subsequently was sent, copies of several documents I am seeking (EPA-R2-2016-002621, EPA-R2-2016-002622, and EPA-R2-2016-002623, all submitted January 8, 2016), but all except a few of these documents are available only in .msg form, which most computers, including my own, have great difficulty converting and opening.

I would like to receive the information in the form of digital PDFs. If you are unable to provide them in this format, please mail me hard copies.

I am a research assistant to Mariah Blake, an investigative journalist working on a book for Crown Publishing Group. As a representative of the news media, I request a fee waiver.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

I look forward to your determination regarding my request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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